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DREDGING OF A SLIP for the Frying Pan Shoals Lightship was completed this week on the Southport waterfront. Plans call for the vessel to be moved to the permanent mooring this weekend in time for the Fourth of July festival, although it

won't be open to the public. The lightship, which was replaced several years ago by a light tower offshore, will be converted into a nautical museum.

Lightship Will Become Nautical Museum Here

The Frying Pan Shoals Lightship is expected to be moved to the Southport waterfront this weekend, to be permanently moored and

converted into a nautical museum. "It's almost going too well," said Pierce Horne, chairman of the Lightship

Commission. "But there's still a lot to do. We've got to build an approach ramp, then we've got to scrap and paint and refurbish the vessel. Everything will be donated to us."

There was evidence of the outstanding cooperation this past week. Heavy equipment from Lincoln, Diamond and McLean construction companies was busy dredging the slip for the vessel and spreading the spoil along the waterfront for a parking area. Horne said that Carolina Power and Light Company, has promised to haul sand to the area for spreading so Fourth of July activity on the waterfront will not be disrupted.

Horne said the vessel should be on the waterfront this weekend in time for the popular Independence Day celebration, although sightseers will not be allowed on the ship until the approach ramp is built.

"It's going to be a good project," Horne promised. "It's going to promote tourism, and we'll have brochures concerning different points of interest in the area."

Work towards obtaining the ship began in 1967, when a local group was formed with the primary purpose of seeing that the vessel was brought safely from Portsmouth, Virginia, to Southport. But little else was done until the present 13-member Frying Pan Lightship Commission was created in October last year.

Horne said that more help is expected from Southport citizens when it comes time to paint and refurbish the ship. The Frying Pan Shoals

Pageant Plans Are Completed

Final plans are being made for the 1972 North Carolina Miss Fourth of July pageant sponsored by the Southport Jaycees.

The pageant will be held Saturday night at 8 p.m. in Hatch Auditorium at Fort Caswell. Seven local young ladies will compete for the

New Ferry Has Arrived

The ferryboat Emmett Winslow is being brought here this week to replace the Sandy Graham on the Southport-Fort Fisher run.

A crew left Southport Wednesday morning at three o'clock to go to Cherry Point to get the Winslow, which is expected to arrive here late tonight.

Once the Winslow goes into service on the Southport-Fort Fisher run, the Graham will go to Cherry Point to join the Governor Cherry on the state's newest ferry crossing. The Graham and the Cherry are sister ships and the latter also has been service on the local run.

The housing arrangement on the Winslow is said to provide more deck space than is available on either the Cherry or the Graham.

title now held by Sandy Allen. Entries this year include Jacque Roof, Helen Walker, Sandy Rhodes, Rebecca Frankum, Patricia Barnes, Stephanie Helms and Brenda Stidham.

Participating in this year's Miss Fourth of July pageant will be Miss Susan Moore, the current Miss Winston-Salem and a finalist in the Miss North Carolina pageant, and Miss Rebecca Griffin, the North Carolina Watermelon Queen. Little Miss Wilmington, Wendy Baucom, will perform with accompaniment of Paul Scott, Rick Johnstone and Danny Thomas.

Judges for the pageant are Gary Sherrill of Statesville, Margaret Brackett of Newberry, S.C., Dennis Ledford of Charlotte, Mrs. Betty Jo Welch of Wilmington and Eric Ennis of Raleigh. Advance tickets can be purchased from any Southport Jaycee or Jaycette for \$3. Children under six will be admitted for \$1, and tickets also will be available at the door.

The new queen will reign over this year's Independence Day celebration in Southport, which begins Sunday and is climaxed by a parade and fireworks display Tuesday.

Fourth Of July Festival This Week In Southport

A gala Fourth of July celebration is planned for Southport and the thousands of tourists expected in town this Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

The activities begin Saturday night with the crowning of a Miss North Carolina Fourth of July to reign over this year's event. Miss Sanda Allen, the reigning Miss Southport Fourth of July, will crown the new queen.

Robert Howard, chairman of the Southport Fourth of July Festival Committee, has announced that the festival has been incorporated. "The charter from the state now reads The North Carolina Fourth of July Festival," he said. "The committee is looking forward to presenting a festival that the state can be proud of."

The Junior Woman's Club art show will be held in the education building of Trinity United Methodist Church; the slide program featuring points of interest in the Southport area will be located in the Brunswick County-Southport Public Library; there will be a Sidewalk Art Show on Moore Street; a fisheries display at the Southport Boat Harbor; and displays at Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company for the Air Force, Sunny Point Military Ocean Terminal and oceanographic research.

The USNS Lynch and the research vessel Dan Moore will be open to the public at the city pier and the Southport Boat Harbor. A children's field day at Taylor Athletic Field begins at two o'clock, followed by a donkey baseball game at 4 p.m.

The Kachada Indian Dancers will perform Sunday and Monday nights on the Southport waterfront.

On Monday at 6:30 p.m. the Scottish Pipe Band will perform at Taylor Field, followed by a little league all-star game at 7:30. A street dance will be held on Moore Street at 8 p.m.

On Tuesday, the Fourth of July, there will be a U.S. Air Force fly-over on the waterfront on 10:30 a.m., with the parade scheduled to begin at 11 o'clock. The U.S. Navy Band will perform in concert at 2 p.m., and a musket firing exhibition is planned for 2:30 at Taylor Field.

At 3 p.m. there will be the Country Gentlemen U.S. Army 18th Airborne Artillery on the waterfront. The calliope concert is scheduled at the Cedar Bench at 7:30 with the boat ticket drawing at 8:30. The popular patriotic movie will be shown at 9 p.m. with the fireworks to follow at 9:30.

Schedule Of Events

SUNDAY, JULY 2

1:00 P.M. — 5:00 P.M.
Jr. Woman's Club Art Show
(Methodist Church)

Slide Program
(Library)

Sidewalk Art Show
(Post Office)

Fisheries Display
(Boat Harbour)

Oceanographic Displays
(Waccamaw Bank & Trust)

Live animal Display of
Wild Life Resources Commission
(Harrelson Bld.)

St. Philips Church
(W. Moore St.)

M.O.T.S.V. Display
(Waccamaw Bank)

U.S. Air Force Aircraft Display
(Waccamaw Bank)

8:00 P.M. — 9:00 P.M.
Church Services

2:00 P.M. — Queen's Tea
(Brunswick Town)

1:00 — 5:00 P.M.
U.S. N.S. Lynch
(City Dock)

M.V. Dan K. Moore
(Old Yacht Basin)

2:00 P.M. Childrens Field
Events (Taylor Field)

4:00 P.M. Donkey Ball Game
(Taylor Field)

9:00 P.M. Kachada Indian Dancers
(Water Front)

MONDAY, JULY 3

Jr. Woman's Club Art Show
(Methodist Church)

Slide Program
(Library)

Sidewalk Art Show
(Post Office)

Fisheries Display
(Boat Harbour)

Oceanographic Displays
(Waccamaw Bank)

Live Animal Display of
Wild Life Resources Commission
(Harrelson Bld.)

St. Philips Church
(W. Moore St.)

M.O.T.S.V. Display
(Waccamaw Bank)

U.S. Air Force Aircraft Display
(Waccamaw Bank)

5:00 P.M. Arrival
U.S. Army Reserve Group
17th FA 4th BN
(Bay St. Near City Dock)

1:00 — 5:00 P.M.
U.S. N.S. Lynch
(City Dock)

M.V. Dan K. Moore
(Old Yacht Basin)

6:30 P.M. + Scottish Pipe Band
(Taylor Field)

7:30 P.M. Little League All-Star
Baseball Game
(Taylor Field)

8:00 P.M. Street Dance
(Moore St.)

9:30 P.M. Kachada Indian Dancers

TUESDAY, JULY 4

Jr. Woman's Club Art Show
(Methodist Church)

Slide Program
(Library)

Fisheries Display
(Boat Harbour)

Oceanographic Displays
(Waccamaw Bank)

Live Animal Display of
Wild Life Resources Commission
(Harrelson Bld.)

St. Philips Church
(W. Moore St.)

M.O.T.S.V. Display
(Waccamaw Bank)

U.S. Air Force Aircraft Display
(Waccamaw Bank)

U.S. Army Reserve Display
(Bay St. Near City Dock)

10:30 A.M. U.S. Air Force Fly Over
(Water Front)

11:00 A.M. Parade

1:00 P.M. — 4:00 P.M.
Power Boat Races
(Water Front)

2:00 P.M. — Band Concert U.S. Navy Band

2:30 P.M. — Musket Firing Exhibition
(Taylor Field)

3:00 P.M. — Country Gentlemen U.S. Army
18th Airborne Artillery
(Water Front)

7:30 P.M. — Calliope Concert
(Whittlers Bench)

8:30 P.M. Boat Ticket Drawing
(Whittlers Bench)

9:00 P.M. Patriotic Movie

9:30 P.M. Fireworks Display
(Waterfront)

Foul Play Suspected

An autopsy on one of two men found dead in a June 9 house fire Leland showed he had been shot three times.

Brunswick County Coroner Lowell Bennett said the body of Malcolm B. Tedder, 41, a former Hallsboro resident who lived in Wilson, contained two bullets and there was evidence a third bullet passed through the body.

Also found dead at the scene was Paul Fowler, 37, of Riegelwood. Bennett said an autopsy on Fowler showed he died from asphyxiation.

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Open-Bridge Policy Asked

The State Highway Commission has asked for approval of special regulations to govern operation of the Oak Island bridge across the Intracoastal Waterway during weekends this summer.

Special regulations are in effect this weekend, but the SHC is asking the U.S. Coast Guard for revised rules that would continue until Labor Day. The swing-type bridge connecting the island with the mainland was destroyed by an errant barge the day-after-Labor Day last year.

Present regulations governing operation of the bridge require the draw to be opened on signal for the passage of vessels. The special regulations being considered include:

(a) The draw shall open on signal, except from June 15

through Labor Day on Saturdays and Sundays and on Independence Day the draw need not open for the passage of vessels from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. (local time), except at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. when the draw shall open to allow all accumulated vessels to pass.

(b) The drawspan shall open at all times promptly on signal for the passage of towboats with tows, freight boats, public vessels of the United States, and any vessel in an emergency involving danger to life or property. Such vessels shall sound four blasts of a whistle, horn or similar device.

(c) The owner of or agency controlling the bridge shall erect and maintain, on both sides of the bridge, signs acceptable to the Coast Guard district commander setting forth the regulations.



EVEN IN THE RAIN during a recent horse show, Miss Fourth of July Sandy Allen was a lovely queen. Saturday night she will crown a new queen to reign over this year's Independence Day celebration.